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"Minutes" by Fritz Hofmann

Dr. McLucas has seen.

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This is a good summary. The only omission of note that I recall was that I did respond (top of p. 3) to Carlton Lindemann's question by stating that we have generically good for minimal capability — systems (adding lasers, resolution, etc) within the force designs I broke for consideration.

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NOTE FOR LT COLONEL HOFMANN

Gerry Burke called to elaborate on what he envisions for Dr. McLucas' presentation to the PFIAB on the morning of 1 February. He said that Dr. McLucas is being invited as a friend and has the total and complete sympathy of the PFIAB. Dr. McLucas should feel free to spend as much time in discussion with the Board as he feels necessary.

Specifically, Gerry suggested that Dr. McLucas elaborate on certain parts of the Taking Stock memo which describe the developments, achievements and prospects for the NRO. Gerry thinks that this should be a completely candid presentation. The Board will have had access to both the PFIAB Report and the Taking Stock memo but probably none of the individuals will have had time to digest the material.

Gerry thinks that Dr. McLucas should come out verbally very strongly for an NSCID. He also thinks that Dr. McLucas should describe the problems which have been generated by outsiders in recent months which have impinged on the management of the NRO. He again said that the PFIAB is on Dr. McLucas' team 100 percent.

I asked Gerry if Dr. Hall would be invited to attend. He said yes but to another session and the sympathies of the PFIAB were not very strong for Dr. Hall.

Gerry does understand the restraints which Dr. McLucas faces in being candid.

Gerry apologized for not being able to get in touch with you and suggested that you or I or both of us plan to visit with him sometime early next week prior to the PFIAB meeting. (I would like to go with you.)

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In terms of Dr. McLucas' presentation I think that he ought to go into the meeting and use the Taking Stock memo plus the memo on the NRO structure and offer a completely informal, more or less ad-lib, series of thoughts to the PFIAB. This would appear to me to be more impressive that attempting to simulate a formal briefing. I am sure that Gerry would rather see this presentation be more or less informal and full of discussion.

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